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**Confirmation No. 8008**  
**Art Unit 1644**  
**Attn: Mail Stop RCE**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/350,401; Filed: July 8, 1999  
For: **Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to Hepatitis B Virus Using  
Peptide Compositions**  
Inventors: SETTE *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2473.0060008/PAJ/LMB

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
3. Second Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 along with Exhibit 1 attached;
4. Notification of Loss of Entitlement to Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2) and Payment of Fees Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c)(2); and
5. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of **\$1,920.00** to cover:
  - \$1,045.00 - Extension of Time fee (three months with one month paid as small entity on October 22, 2010);
  - \$65.00 - Deficiency owed in fees paid on October 22, 2010 (one-month extension of time fee paid as small entity); and
  - \$810.00 - RCE fee.

***The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.***

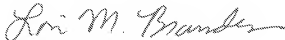
In the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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